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SUBJ: PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ' VVISIT TO VENEZUELA

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1. PERUVIAN DCM INFORMS US THAT VISIT OF PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ TO VENEZUELA IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 10-13, ALTHOUGH FINAL DETAILS REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT. PERUVIANS PLAN TO SIGN AGREEMENTS IN FIELDS OF MINERALS, PETROLEUM, TOURISM, AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE (THE LATTER WOULD PERMIT RETURN OF PERUVIAN ANTIQUITIES) PERUVIAN PRESIDENT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SIX MINISTERS, INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE, FINANCE AND COMMERCE MINISTERS. DE LA PUENTE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ECONOMIC EXPERT, BUT FORMIN SECGEN MARCHAND WILL NOT ACCOMPANY.

2. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: DEC. 10-ARRIVAL, MEETING WITH PEREZ, FOLLOWED BY MEETING WITH PERUVIAN COLONY; DEC. 11-SECOND MEETING WITH PEREZ, SIGNING OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE (AND PRESUMABLY OTHER AGREEMENTS); DEC 12-PROTOCOLARY VISIT TO CARABOBO BATTLE SITE OUTSIDE CARACAS; DEC. 13-RETURN TO LIMA.

2. PERUVIAN DCM SAID THAT HIS EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED
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DEFINITELY WHETHER PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ WILL STOP OFF IN BOGOTA

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TO MEET COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ MICHELSEN ON ROUTE
HERE DECEMBER 10, ALTHOUGH LOCAL PRESS HAS CARRIED STORIES TO THIS
EFFECT.

4. COMMENT: IT APPEARS PUBLIC ASPECTS OF VISIT WILL STRESS ECONOMIC
EXCHANGES. PRIVATELY, WE PRESUME THAT GIVEN PERU'S PRESENT FINANCIAL
DIFFICULTIES, PERUVIANS ARE LIKELY TO RAISE OPEC ISSUE WITH VENEZUELANS

(PER GARCIA BEDOYA'S COMMENT STATE REFTEL), ALTHOUGH WITH PERU
DEPENDENT TO SOME DEGREE ON VENEZUELAN LARGESS FOR PETROLEUM
LOANS, IT REMAINS PROBLEMATIC WHETHER MORALES BERMUDEZ WILL PUSH
PEREZ HARD ON THIS ISSUE.

5. IN ADDITION TO OIL, TWO LEADERS WILL PROBABLY DISCUSS CHILEAN-
PERUVIAN BORDER ISSUE (SEE CARACAS AND LIMA REFTELS), AS WELL AS
PANAMA, CIEC PROSPECTS, AND STATUS OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION EFFORTS.
ANY GUIDANCE LIMA CAN FURNISH US ON OTHER ITEMS OF INTERST WOULD
BE APPRECIATED.
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